

Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 – 7 PM • Chambers

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call	Mayor Stefan Densmore			Mayor Densmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM DST. Motion to excuse Mrs. Dubose by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Kneipp All in favor
Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion		Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Marx Second by Mr. Boettcher All voted in favor.
Persons Registered to Address Council	Resident/Visitor	None		
Minutes to be Approved	Andy Lanser	Review & Motion	Previous meeting minutes.	September 23, 2019 : Click to review or download: Motion to approve the September 9, 2019 Council minutes by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Marx All voted in favor.
Departments/Committees				
Mayor	Mayor Densmore	Report & Announcements	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Letter of Commendation will be postponed to the next Council meeting in order to ensure the Officer being commended can attend. • Several Ohio Mayors have been invited to participate in recognizing the one-year anniversary of the Tree of Life shooting at a Pittsburgh Synagogue by attending services at local synagogues. Mr. Densmore will attend a service at the Golf Manor Synagogue on October 26th. Mr. Densmore will also attend a service at Temple Wise located in Amberley Village. Mr. Densmore invites others to attend a service in solidarity with our Jewish neighbors. • “We Thrive” has been active in the community recently. The organization has been performing surveys of residents concerning several topics including safety, health concerns, etc. We Thrive will be presenting the results of their survey on November 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Community Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Village Administrator	Ron Hirth	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stover Avenue construction plans are finalized with a copy available for review in the Municipal Building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bids have been requested and must be received by Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 11 AM. Bids will be opened and reviewed at that time. This is a public meeting. ○ The Administration will have a recommendation to approve the contract for Council at the October 28, 2019 Council meeting. ○ Once contracts have been signed, we will send a letter to the Stover residents advising that the project will be taking place. • Golf Manor Polls for Precincts A&B will be set up in Community Hall from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on general Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. • Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus has emailed a fact sheet regarding the Commissioner's continuation of the .25% sales tax. The revenue derived from the continuation will be used to reduce the costs of emergency dispatch fees for individual Hamilton County communities. • Administration has requested an extension to the 2017-2018 audit due to several temporary staffing challenges. The requested extension is waiting for approval. In the meantime, Administration has begun pulling the requested documents. • Fall Leaf Collection will begin the final week of October. Administration has flyers with the leaf pickup schedule and will distribute them.
Fiscal Officer/Asst. Admin	Andy Lanser	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Service Department's Golf cart has been out of commission for several months. The cart was reviewed by the mechanic and the determination was made that the cart needed a new transmission. Given the age and make of the cart, a new transmission will be difficult to source. For this reason, Mr. Lanser is requested that Council endorse the disposal of the cart by selling it for \$200. • Motion to endorse the disposal and sale of the cart for \$200 by Mr. Kneipp. Second by Mr. Marx All in favor.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati have formed a “complete count committee” to guide the region’s Census collection efforts. The CCC is advising each jurisdiction to formulate their own census communication strategy tailored to each jurisdiction’s unique character and needs. Mr. Lanser will be responsible for developing Golf Manor’s census communication strategy. Earlier this month, the Village was made aware of a large depression that formed along a stretch of sidewalk on Elbrook. Mr. Lanser contacted MSD to review the depression and ensure that their infrastructure was not the cause of the depression. Mr. Lanser was advised by MSD that their infrastructure at the location failed several of their tests and work orders were created to correct them. Mr. Lanser will follow up with MSD to ensure that the corrections they perform include repairing the sidewalk.
Police	Chief Chris Campbell	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor’s Court Report Activity Report 	<p>Chief Campbell reported Mayor’s Court revenue for September 2019 to the Village: \$5,403.11 To the State: \$1,664.50 Other: \$85.50 Total Revenue: \$7,153.11</p> <p>Motion to accept the Mayor’s Court Report by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Marx All in voted in favor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Campbell stated that according to the County, the continuation of the 0.25% sales tax will result in over \$29,000 saved by the Village over the next two years. The savings in dispatch feeds will be used to purchase several much-needed equipment items for the Police Department.
LMFR Fire District	Chief Jim Puthoff	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fire Department continues to suffer from staffing challenges of late. Presently, the Department has several full-time staff members on leave, and staffing has fallen below the 50-person threshold. To remedy this the Department has applied for a SAFR grant through the Federal Government.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department has also applied for a FEMA grant to replace Department electronics. • Chief Puthoff has met with representatives from Elmwood Place. As a result of this meeting, the District's run volume to Elmwood has decreased dramatically. Chief Puthoff plans to attend another Elmwood Place meeting in the future to reiterate to them that the Little Miami Fire District is not Elmwood Place's EMS.
Solicitor	Terry Donnellon, Solicitor	Legislation & Discussion	ORD. 2019 – 16: An Ordinance Setting the Compensation for Employees of the Village of Golf Manor, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency	<p>ORD. 2019 – 16: Motion to read by title only by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Kneipp All voted in favor.</p> <p>Motion to suspend rules by Ms. Chaney Second by Mr. Marx Roll call vote: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes</p> <p>Motion to approve by Ms. Chaney Second by Mr. Marx Discussion:</p> <p>Roll call vote: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes Ord. 2019 – 16 passes</p>

			<p>RES. 2019 – 18: A Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Agreement with Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation</p>	<p>RES. 2019 – 18: Motion to read by title only by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Kneipp All voted in favor.</p> <p>Motion to suspend rules by Mr. Marx Second by Mr. Van Harn Roll call vote: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes</p> <p>Motion to approve by Mr. Marx Second by Ms. Chaney Discussion:</p> <p>Roll call vote: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes RES. 2019 – 18 passes</p> <p>Executive Session for matters of personnel - compensation. Roll call vote: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes All in favor</p> <p>Motion to adjourn from Executive by Ms. Chaney Second by Mr. Boettcher All in favor</p>
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Executive Committee	Lou Marx	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Executive Committee minutes are available for review or download online. • There was a brief discussion on building code and property maintenance code enforcement. • An additional discussion on rental property licensing. • The Village will acquire several parcels of land on Stover. • The relationship between the Recreation Commission and Go Golf Manor was discussed.
Education	Sharon Chaney	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRM LSDMC met on 10/9 • Enrollment at PRM is now 714 students. This figure is the largest student body ever at PRM. The building was built for 525 students. • PRM has made several changes including adding additional office support, have added Spanish language support personnel, a senior office assistant, and a language coordinator. • Due to space limitations in the building, the school is now using a conference room as office space. • PRM LSDMC and the CPS School Board continue to discuss the school map. A final resolution concerning the school map has not been decided, but PRM LSDMC will continue to attend meetings until this issue is solved. In addition, PRM LSDMC is advising parents of students at the school to register to speak at CPS School Board meetings. The LSDMC is also planning to contact the Cincinnati Fire Dept. to have them evaluate building capacity. • On 10/23 PRM will hold an open house. At the Open House the school will also honor former Principal, Jenny Mauch. • Current PRM Principal, Ms. Simpson, has reviewed her "One Plan." • Ms. Chaney has investigated the student voucher question posed in a previous Council meeting. Ms. Chaney reported that if a school has a "f" or "d" rating, parents of students who would attend that school can request a voucher. However, once a school goes from a "d" to a "c", those parents are not permitted to request a voucher.
Fire District	Lou Marx	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMFR Fire Board meets Wednesday, October 16, 2019 - 6 PM, at Golf Manor.
Planning Commission	Matt Boettcher	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Planning Commission meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019 pending any business.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on property at 6514 Wiehe. See Planning Commission minutes for Monday, October 7, 2019.
Recreation Commission	Steve Simiele	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next scheduled Recreation Commission meeting Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 7 PM.
Finance Committee	Matt Boettcher	Report		Finance Committee did not meet this evening.
Discussion				
New Business				
Old Business			<p>Discussion of proposed ORD 2019-10: An Ordinance to Combat Discrimination and for the Guarantee of Equality and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alaina Jochum, Equality Ohio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of component 2 of the proposed non-discrimination ordinance was scheduled for this evening. • In reviewing the language found in component 2, Ms. Jochum requested the modification to the “Medina” language. According to Ms. Jochum the proposed Ordinance should cite Humphrey v. Lane instead if Congress amends the Federal RIFRA, thereby not tying the proposed ordinance to outdated case law. • Mayor Densmore expressed concern to move to a first vote without having discussed the religious exemption of the proposed ordinance which are to take place on Nov 12. • Motion to move the proposed ordinance on the agenda for next Council meeting for the first vote by Mr. Boettcher. Second by Ms. Chaney Discussion: The motion to move the proposed ordinance onto the legislative agenda stemmed from a discussion and compromise between Council as to how to move forward. Mr. Van Harn stated that he would prefer that the challenges stemming from the Jewish community should be resolved prior to presenting to Council for a first vote. Mr. Kneipp agreed. Mr. Densmore stated that he would prefer to delay this motion until after a thorough discussion of the religious exemption could occur. Mr. Boettcher stated that discussion on the proposed Ordinance has been going on for long enough and has heard frustrations from residents of the Village concerning the duration of the discussions.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Moscovitz, 2426 Canterbury • Brenda Byes, 6338 Elbrook 	<p>Mayor Densmore requested a delay in discussing any further matters until after 8:30 PM anticipating there would be representation from the Jewish community after sundown. That delay was observed.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: No Mr. Marx: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes Motion passes 4-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Densmore stated that Council Rules allow the minority to request the majority to reconsider their position and called the question. There was no motion to change the opinion of the majority. • Ms. Moscovitz spoke previously about the dignity of working in the field one has the skills and ability to work in. Ms. Moscovitz stated that the proposed ordinance is also sound economic policy for the Village. Ms. Moscovitz believes that passage of the ordinance will result in increased home values and increase the level of owner-occupied homes. Younger home buyers are interested in living in inclusive and diverse communities. • Ms. Byes stated that she was raised in a traditional family. However, she stated once you get to know the people you think are different, you realize how similar everyone really is. Ms. Byes believes that the proposed ordinance will be an opportunity to build bridges among neighbors.
Announcements				<p>Village Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours are scheduled 6 – 8 PM on Thursday, October 31, 2019. GMPD will have extra patrols out that evening.</p>

				The first Council meetings in November will convene on Tuesday, November 12 due to the Veterans Day Federal Holiday on November 11, 2019. meetings changed to Nov 12
Adjourn				Motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM DST by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Marx All members voted in favor.

_____ Date: _____
Submitted by Andy Lanser, Fiscal Officer

_____ Date: _____
Stefan C. Densmore, Mayor

_____ Date: _____
Anna Gedeon, Asst. Clerk